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For: ENDOGENETIC RETROVIRAL SEQUENCES, ASSOCIATED WITH AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES OR WITH PREGNANCY DISORDERS

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> EXTENSION  
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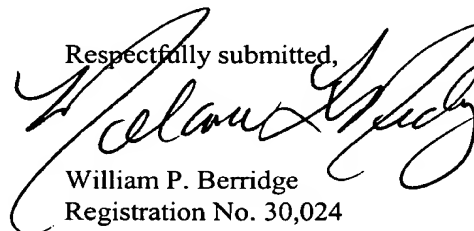
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